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1. (S/WNINTEL) A probable new BMP armored fighting vehicle variant was identified at Sovetsk Headquarters Guards Tank Division and Army Barracks AL-2 [redacted] USSR, on imagery of [redacted]. The new variant lacks the turret of the standard BMP and has a small unidentified structure mounted to the left of the usual turret position. Four of the new variants were identified at the installation; they were observed in two separate tank regiment areas.

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2. (S/WNINTEL) Analysis of [redacted] imagery indicates that the standard BMP has replaced the BTR-60 armored personnel carrier in at least two of the three tank regiments at Sovetsk. On these dates, a standard BMP was identified in one of the tank regiment areas at Sovetsk Headquarters AL-2 and in the tank regiment area at Sovetsk Army Barracks Central AL-1 [redacted]. [redacted] a motorized rifle company of ten probable standard BMPs was seen with elements of a tank battalion at the river-crossing area in Sovetsk Training Area 1 [redacted]. [redacted] The identifications of this motorized rifle company and of the standard BMP in the two tank regiment areas suggest that the new BMP variant may be a command vehicle.

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